Becoming a Victim of Hypnotism. An experience of rather a sensational character befel a young lady employed in the government printing office, an attempt being made to hypnotize or mesmerically. control her by a strange woman, who, whatever else may be true of her, seems to possess great mesmeric power. After accosting the young lady, who is the daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman, she at once entered upon the subject of hypnotism, stating that she had just come from an interview with a lady who had made that branch of mental science a special study, and whose experience with it had

been remarkable and thrilling.

Learning that the young lady she was addressing was going to East Capitol hill, she declared that she was going to Lincoln park herself, and resumed her remarks upon hypnotism, asking also some questions in regard to it.

Miss W-, as she may be called, is not an imaginative young lady of the emotional school, but a plain, practical, common seuse person, who has made good use of sducational privileges, and is the orphan daughter of a well known clergyman

But in spite of her cool head and good udgment she felt an almost unutterable fear of the strange appearing woman, who seemed bent on following her, and deter mined that she should listen to her remarks upon the subject.

Miss W- avers that she felt a strange but unmistakable mesmeric or electric sensation in her hand and arm nearest to her chance acquaintance, nearly as pronounced as that from a lightly charged galvanic battery. She could see no policeman, nor any one to whom she could appeal, and she feared to make an outery, as her unwelcome companion kept her right hand in a small traveling bag, the contents of without a slip. which could only be surmised.

Determined to shake her off she took a direction nearly opposite to her destination, but the mystericus woman did the same. Finally they were passing a rustic seat upon which a person was seated with whom Miss W—— was acquainted, and the at his home one day and expressed my surlatter seated herself and remained till the prise that he did not have a hand grenade hypnotic enthusiast disappeared around in the house to protect himself against fire.

Miss W- states that during the time she was in the presence of the strange never used in case of fire. Of course when woman she felt obliged to make the most strennous mental effort to resist the wonderful influence which seemed to emanate from the stranger, and that she could feel it for several hours.

A person possessing the power that the strange woman apparently does, with a reckless disregard of its use, or who chooses member, were all made with burning to exercise it for improper purposes, is a dangerous character to be abroad. The incident will no doubt be of interest to specific boxes which the agents set fire to all the cialists in psychological mysteries, and of hand grenades in the market would not some possible interest to the police .- have put it out. But as there was no drafit

How Beck Got Fair Play for a Darky Boy. An interesting story is current here about Mr. Beck in the early days of his life I doubt if the fraud has been discovered in Lexington. He was always keen to take the side of the weak against the strong. one occasion he offered to thrash a whole circus company, in the slavery days, when, in a circus, a call was made for volunteers to ride a trick mule. Fifty dollars was offered to anybody who would stick on. A little darky came forward and mounted the mule's back. After going around the ring a few times the mule began a series of tactics to dislodge his rider. But the little darky stuck like wax, and it soon became pretty plain that the mule, unaided, could not get him off. The ringmaster, thinking himself safe in maltreating a friendless negro boy, came up and gave his colleague, the mule, several sharp cuts with his whip that sent darky and

mule rolling over in the sawdust. Mr. Book saw the fraud. He fun down from his sent, dashed into the ring, and catching the ringmaster with a very man who had championed the friendless little darky. The money was paid over .-Washington Cor. Cincinnati Commercial

Actor Robson's Tonsorial Skill. I was being shaved in the St. James ho-

tel barber shop when I noticed Stuart Robson sitting next to me, with a waxed haired razor wielder standing idly, yet interestedly, looking on. The famous funny fellow was shaving bimself, and the sound of that blade traversing the stubblefield of his physiognomy was like unto the gentle touch of a small boy, a short stick and a paling fence. He won't allow a barber to divest him of that hirsute wire which adorns his face, and the greatest joke about this idea is that he doesn't know how to shave himself. He looks like he needed a shave, no matter how often the habit has been indulged in during the week.

Anotherstrange feature of this jugglery is flut instead of Mr. Robson shaving himself down, as other mortals do, he persis-tently pushes the sharp steel up against the grain of the beard. The barbers all stand back aghast and wonder how he survives such an ordeal, but no one is more complacent than he when the job is done. The clever comedian then seeks the washstand, allowing the bowl to be filled with cold water, into which he plunges his whole head and face, holding his breath as long as possible. After this the poor barher gets a chance at him. - Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

Oil from Corn.

Oil from corn is one of the latest products which modern science every now and then throws upon the world. The ntaize, which is now grown in the United States at the rate of some 2,000,000 bushels per year, has been experimented with and found capable of yielding 3) per cent. of its weight in oil, the germ of the kernel being the part from which the oil is extracted. The new material is of a pale yellow color, somewhat thicker than either the olive or cotton seed oil, and does not seem to be readily available as a substitute for them, but it is well adapted for lubricating purposes, and may be used as a salad dressing, while it seems to be adaptable for liniments.—Philadelphia Record.

The End of the World Calculated. A French statistician who has been studying the military and other records with a view of determining the height of men at

different periods, has reached some wonder-The recorded facts extend over nearly three centuries. It is found that in 1610 the average height of man in Europe was 1.75 meters, or say 5 feet 9 inches. In 1790 it was 5 feet 6 inches. In 1820 it was 5 feet 5 inches and a fraction. At the present time it is 5 feet 3 inches and three-quarters. It is easy to deduce from these figures at a rate of regular and gradual decline in human stature, and then to apply this, working backward and forward, to the past

and to the future. By this calculation it is determined that the stature of the first men attained the a permanent nervous headache is not really surprising average of 16 feet 9 inches. Truly there were giants on the earth in chose days of Og, and Goliath was quite a degenerate offspring of the giants. Com-Designing of our era the average height of remedy. A fortnight at once may be better man was 9 feet, and in the time of Charle- than a year six weeks hence.—American gnagne it was 8 feet 8 inches, a fact quite Aualyst. sufficient to account for the heroic deeds of

scientific study comes from the application portrait of your wife will turn out a speakof the same inexamble law of diminution
to the future. The calculation shows that
Customer—Speaking? Great heavens! by the year son A. D. the stature of the can't that be altered! Der Schaik.

average man will be reduced to fiftee nches. At that epoch there will be only Liliputions on the earth. And the conclu sion of the learned statistician is irresisti ble that "the end of the world will certain ly arrive, for the inhabitants will have become so small that they will finally disappear"—"finish by disappearing," as the French idiom expresses it—"from the ter-restrial globe."—Philadelphia Times.

Before a Fall.

It is never wise to boast. A haughty spirit will always make enemies and bring its pos-sessor into contempt. The Christian Advocate knewa boy who had won a prize for learning Scripture verses, and who was too much elated by his success.

him long to commit what he had recited.
"Oh, no," said the boy boastfully, "I can learn any verse in the Bible in five min-

"Can you, indeed? and will you learn one for me? "Yes, sir."

"Then in five minutes from now I would verse," said the minister, handing him the book and pointing out the ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther:

"Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day theref; and it was written according to all that Mordecal commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and ac cording to their language."

Master Conceit entered upon his task with confidence, but at the end of an hour. to his mortification, he could not repeat it

Are Hand Grenades Frauds?

There is a gentleman, now a wealthy resident of Brooklyn, who made a small fortune out of the sale of hand grenader "I made money out of the hand grenades, but I think that was because they were I went into the business I thought they sold out my interest. The hand grenade can no more put out a fire than will any amount of water equal to what it contains. member, were all made with burning and a great deal of blaze and smoke but little water was required to extinguish the flames. I suppose millions of hand gre nades of various makes have been sold and

Helping the Memory.

Inexpensive as are good books and pa pers, there are still households in the coun try in which not a book, excepting, perhaps, an unused Bible, can be found, and the only literature on which the family feeds is the county paper.

A correspondent who spent a night with one such family says that he picked up the county paper, which was an unusually poor sheet, and found nearly all of its contents marked with a blue pencil. Even the advertisements were thus marked. Turning to an old lady who sat near him

he said: "I have been wondering why nearly everything in this paper has a blue mark

"Oh, I'll tell you," replied the old lady, pleasantly. "I make 'em myself. It's my way of telling whether I've read such and persunsive grip, administered some values of some persunsive grip, administered some values of some persunsive grip, administered some values of some values not look so easy when the whole circus have read and what I ain't read, and I company took sides with the ringmaster.

The spectators immediately sided with the twice. It's a real good way to help out a body's mem'ry."-Youth's Companion.

Some Fuegian Traits.

When a song was struck up by our party, I thought the Fuegians would have fallen down with astonishment. With equal surprise they viewed our dancing; but one of the men, when asked, had no objection to a little waltzing. Little accustomed to Europeans as they appeared to be, yet they knew and dreaded our firearms; nothing would tempt them to take a gun in their hands. They begged for knives, calling them by the Spanish word cuchilla. They explained also what they wanted, by acting as if they had a piece of blubber in their mouths, and then pretending to cut instead of tear it.

It was as easy to please as it was difficult to satisfy these savages. Young and old, men and children, never ceased repeating the word yammerschooner, which means "give After pointing to almost every object, one after the other, even to the buttons on our coats, and saying their favorite word in as many intonations as possible, they would then use it in a neuter sense, and vacantly repeat yammerschooner. After yammer schoonering for any article very eagerly they would by a simple artifice point to their young women or little children, as much as "If you will not give it me, surely you will to such as these,"—"Darwin on the Fuegians and Patagonians" in Popular Science Monthly.

About Big Shoes.

"Is it hard to black a pair of shoes that have recently been oiled?" "No, unless they are badly wrinkled. There is only about one in a hundred whose shoes fit. Take a person who has tender feet and a corn on each toe, and he believes he must wear a loose shoe. So he gets a pair about two sizes larger than he requires, and in two weeks they look like a corrugated elephant's ear. Instead of finding comfort in his pon-

toons the pain increases and his life becomes Boston Herald.

Take Note of the Danger Signal, A nervous headache is a danger signal. If it be frequent the danger is increased; if it be continuous a catastrophe is imminent. The driver must put on his brake at all hazards or be will probably soon have a leap for his life. There are very few sets of circum-guese in his travels.—New York Times. stances in which it is a man's duty to go on with his work when he is in this condition, at all risks. Even a threatened bankruptcy had better be risked than a threatened life. Besides, a man who is in the unyielding grip of inquiries as to the cause, and an official finally the best judge of his own circumstances. He

magnifies and distorts things amazingly. He takes counsel of his fears and abandons his hopes and courage alfogether. Rost, immediate and sufficient rest, is the sovereign Press.

Preferred Her Quiet.

But the most astonishing result of this Painter-I assure you, my dear sir, the

Stolen Sweets.

A prominent local raffrond man made one of a party which recently went up for a little shooting trip in the neighborhood of Turner junction. While tramping over the country one day the sportsmen ran across a large bee tree, heavily laden with magnificent honey, and they suggested cutting it down and stealing the sweets. It was resolved to do this at night, and, in spite of a heavy rainstorm, the five hunters started out with a wagon, axes, etc. Lots were drawn, and the railroad man and a friend were chosen to fell the tree. The other three were to be posted near by where they could notify the amateur woodcutters of the approach of the farmer who owned the tree, in order that they might escape in He was asked by his minister if it took time. The plot was well laid, and it looked very much like a successful one.

When the big bee tree was reached the railroader and his partner took their axes and started in. It would have been a pretty good job for professional wood choppers, but for these amateurs it was hard work and lots of it. But they labored away in the rain, and finally had the satislike very much to hear you repeat this faction of seeing the great tree topple over in response to their efforts. It fell with a crash, and just then they heard a shot and a yell. This was the warning signal which their friends were to give when the farmer appeared. Dropping their axes, they plowed through the mud and reached their wagon by a toilsome and circuitous route. They drove like mad from the place and reached home covered with mud. Their friends returned soon afterward. At breakfast hot biscuit were served, and there was a big howl of honey placed upon the table. This demonstrated to the railroad man and his friend that they had been victimized the night before. The alarm they had heard was a false one, and as they ran off through the mud their three companions went up with buckets and stole the honey from the tree they had felled with so much labor.-Chicago Herald.

There is one strange coincidence that always happens here when any public man becomes prominent or does something especially to make him the hero of the hour. That is, his "double" immediately appears and makes himself as conspicuous as possible. When everybody was waiting, expecting some news from Mr. Randall's bedside, a man who bears a remarkable likeness to the dying statesman was seen here, were all they were represented to be, and as soon as I found out the fraud in them I He made his appearance first in the rotunda of the great building and seemed to be in tently gazing at the paintings in that large His face was the fac-simile of Randall's when the Pennsylvanian was last at the Capitol. The double dressed like him and even affected his walk. He seemed to enjoy the attention he attracted and remained in the corridors near the house of

representatives nearly all day. About inauguration time the man that looked like President Harrison seemed almost ubiquitous. Ex-President Cleveland even had his double, and at one time a newspaper correspondent saw him in the street and attempted to interview him. When a prominent senator makes a great speech his double is always sure to turn up the next day and parade about the Capitol. It was strange, but, after Kincaid shot Ex-Congressman Taulbee, it seemed as if you met Kincaid's double in every street car or hotel you entered. Kincaid had a peculiar appearance, and the frequency of his doubles became a matter of comment. Postmaster General Wanamaker's friends are sometimes bothered by seeing his double, either at the Capitol or on the street, and often they stop to speak before they discover their error.—Cor. New York

The Echo.

Mail and Express.

Did you ever figure on th sexact distance Did you ever figure on th sexact distance that one may be removed from a reflecting surface and yet hear the echo of his own value? It is said that one cannot propose the clerk of another hotel than the voice? It is said that one cannot pronounce distinctly or hear distinctly more than five syllables in a second. This gives one-fifth of a second for each syllable. Taking 1,120 feet as the velocity of sound per second, we have 234 feet as the distance sound will travel in one-fifth of a second. Hence, if a reflecting surface is 112 feet distant, the initial sound of an uttered syllable will be returned to the ear from a distance of 112 feet, just as the next syllable starts on its

In this case the first fifth of the second is consumed in the utterance of a syllable and the next fifth of the second in hearing its echo. Two syllables would be echoed from a reflecting surface 224 feet distant, three syllables from 836 feet, and so on within the limit of audibleness. It is evident that a sharp, quick sound, the duration of which is only one-tenth of a second, would give an echo from half the distance, or fifty-six feet. The above estimates are for a tem-perature of 61 degs. Fahrenheit, at which the velocity of sound is a little over 1,118 feet in a second. The velocity of sound when the mercury stands at freezing is 1,086 feet per second .- St. Louis Republic.

Sarcastic Oscar Wilde. At a gathering in London not long ago Oscar Wilde was approached by a small man, who slapped him familiarly on the

back, exclaiming:
"Holloa, Oscar, d'you know every time I ou you get fatter and fatter!" "I don't know who you are," replied the

apostle of æstheticism, looking down from his advantage of several inches, "but every time I see you you get ruder and ruder. Needless to say the too friendly acquaintance vanished abashed into the crowd, "Can you tell me," asked Oscar, turning

to a lady with whom he had just been talking, "who that dreadful little cad is?" "That, Mr. Wilde," returned the lady, with a frigid glance and haughty manner, "is my husband."

"Is it, indeed?" replied he, with an agree able smile and holding his ground. "Then what a pity you don't teach him better manners"—London Letter.

A Philological Negro.

A remarkable linguist is "Ed," the colored porter on the One Hundred and Thira burden to him. When I strike a pair of ty-fifth street station of the Sixth avenue leathers of this description they send a chill elevated road. He is a stout and jolly lookdown my back. The man with the sore feet ing man of about 45 years, and he furnishes always oils his shoes when it rains or snows. any amount of amusement for himself and He thinks it softens them. The moment it the bystanders by opening a torrent of clears off he hastens to a bootblack for a shine.

I have spent twenty minutes over a pair of that nationality that use the station night moccasins of this description, and then turned and morning. He speaks French, Spanish out an unsatisfactory job. But where the and Portuguese quite as well as he does shoe is close to the foot I don't care if the oil Italian, but has never met a Portuguese is an inch thick, as I can bring out a polish since he came to New York ten years ago, that you can see your face in."-Interview in and he is afraid that he is losing his hold on that language. But to make things even he is working away at German under

the tuition of one of the ticket box men, and is fast mastering its idioms. "Ed" was born in San Domingo, and spent the greater part of his life in the Spanish and Italian navies, picking up his

replied to her:
"I believe they found a culvert washed out,

Sources of Colors.

Turkey red is made from the madder plant. which grows in Hindoostan. The yellow sap of a tree of Siam produces gamboge; the natives catch the sap in occounut shells. Raw sienna is the natural earth from the neighborbood of Sienna, Italy. Raw umber is also had no effect whatever. an earth found near Umbris, and burpt.— Medical and Surgical Reporter.

MY HAPPIEST DAY.

You ask the happlest day of all my life,
And guess 'twas spent with one I loved. Not so.

"Was crowned with victory of war?" Ab, no:

"The conquering of foe in mortal strife?"
Nay, friend! Why hurt me with these questions

rife
In treason to our nobler selves! Why know
Ye not within the heart of man does glow A source of joy above the love of wife, Most helpful to mankind to win success. Denied to none, no matter how uncouth, The surest means to lasting happiness? I've been its votary since early youth; Its graces now are all but numberless—
My happiest day was spent in finding Truth.

—Jackson Boyd to Louisville Courier-Journal.

How to Preserve Strawberries. There is no berry more delicious when preserved than the strawberry, and conmore difficult to put up successfully. The flavor of the berry is so evanescent that it entirely disappears in canning. It requires a rich sirup to hold this delicate flavor, and therefore strawberries should always be preserved. Select perfectly ripe, fine flavored fruit for this purpose. The most delicious preserves in the world are made of wild strawberries. Hull the strawberries, and as soon as you have about a pound ready weigh them and put them with three-quarters of their weight of sugar in a porcelain lined kettle. Continue till the kettle is nearly full, then set them at the back of the stove. When the strawberries are well covered with juice bring them for ward where they will boil up rapidly. Sti them only enough to prevent their burn ing. After they have boiled rapidly for ten minutes skim them carefully and begin putting them into bottles which should stand in bolling water to prevent the hot preserve cracking them. Seal them up instantly as tightly as you can

Wipe off each bottle as it is filled and sealed and stand it on a paper on the kitchen table till cold. When cold screw up again and set it away. These preserves will keep more securely if the bottles are packed in sawdust. Another method is to preserve the berries exactly as directed using a pound of sugar, in place of three quarters of a pound, to every pound of ber ries. When the preserves are ready to put into bottles, pour into tumblers instead and set the tumblers covered with glass in a "broiling" hot sun for two days. At the end of this time cover them with brandy papers and seal them up under a layer cotton wadding tied or sealed closely over them, but not in such a manner as to reon the preserve. If you prefer seal up th preserves in paper instead of wadding though this is not the newest method. Th last preserve is very rich, but too candie and sweet to be agreeable to every one's taste.-New York Tribune.

Driven to Suicide by His Victim's Ghost John H. Smith, a giant oil well driller, of Pittsburg, committed suicide by tying a fire escape rope around his neck and swinging himself out of the third story window of Boley's hotel, on Diamond street. The noise of his dead body swins ing against one of the windows led to the

discovery of the act. Smith was 6 feet 3 inches in height, and was known throughout the oil country as 'Murderer John Smith." He was very gloomy at all times, and other drillers would not work with him, as he was looked upon as a Jonah. Many years ago he and a companion killed a man at Edenburg Clarion county. Smith turned state's evi dence and was released. His companion fled and was never captured. Ever since Smith was said to have been haunted by the ghost of his victim, and has attempted

to commit suicide in several different ways Once he tried to shuffle off by the aid of a can of dynamite, but was caught and his life saved. Another time he contemplated self destruction and three revolvers were one at which he was stopping, but it was refused. Then he went to Boley's and hanged himself,-Philadelphia Times.

To Hide Tears and Stains.

A tear on the shoulder of a waist is hidden-and prettily-by bretelles or suspenders of ribbon that meet, perhaps, at the waist line, back and front. These useful ribbons of silk or velvet, or bands of gimp or embroidery are at once serviceable as well as ornamental to gover strained seams that so often disfigure an otherwise good

The numerous fanciful "gilets" (vests and fichus and chemisettes cover a multitude of sins in the fronts of bodices. An unlovely spot on a perfect fitting bodice made by a spoonful of ice cream that went astray, was covered by a lattice of narrow ribbon velvet woven with dia monds to form a pointed yoke. Threadbare spots, made by bones, along the lower edge of a basque, may be covered with a girdle of silk, velvet, passementerie, braiding or what best suits the dress material. -Boston Globe.

Gen. O. A. Poc. Many people turned to look at a tall, massive, handsome man with a genial face, who was strolling along Broadway the other day, and no wonder, for few men bear a more striking personality than Gen. O. A. Poe, of the United States army. He was Sherman's engineer-in-chief during the late war, and distinguished himself by doing all sorts of unheard of things in clearing away roads and obstructions. was the officer who in the early part of the war created a sensation by cutting a chan-nel through the swamps facing Island No. 10 on the Mississippi river, and bringing transports loaded with troops to New Mad-rid. Gen. Poe always passes several months of every year in New York, and is quite a prominent club man. Since the war Gen. Poe has been engaged in various engineer-ing enterprises.—New York Telegram.

A Chinese Lawyer. A motion was made by W. H. Chicker ing before the supreme court that Hong Yen Chang should be admitted to practice law in the courts of the state. Chang is an intelligent Chinese, about 28 years of age. He was two years at Yale college and graduated from the Columbia Law school. He was naturalized in 1887, and admitted to the bar by the New York court of appeals. This city having greater inducements to offer, he concluded to come here, and has been reading for some time in the law of-fice of Olney, Chickering & Thomas. The motion was taken under advisement and is considered a very difficult case by the jus tices. It is expected that there will be a hard legal fight under the Burlingame treaty act. Chang is preparing a volum-inous brief in his own behalf.—San Fran-

A Defect in Railroading. All over the country, when trains draw up under covered depots the passengers step out from them into a deafening, be wildering noise of discharging steam, clam

other day to meet a train from the west which was an hour late. She of course made inquiries as to the cause, and an official when a railroad president. precede a train into a terminal depot will "I believe they found a culvert washed out,
"ma'am."
"Oh, that's it! Well, can't you send one out to them by special train!"—Detroit Free speed and comfort, and with the other lobe ignores the minor decencies of his cailing. Julian Ralph in Chatter.

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